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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

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1. (Original) A magnetic tape device comprising:  
a pair of right and left guide plates;  
a tape cassette moving table that is placed to be movable forward and backward between a cassette inserting position and a cassette placing position that are set between said pair of right and left guide plates;  
a rocking lever pivotally attached to one of said guide plates;  
a guide rod protruding from said moving table which is engaged with a recessed groove formed in a tip end portion of said rocking lever;  
a press spring engagingly held by said rocking lever and pressed against said guide rod;  
a cam formed in said recessed groove of said rocking lever; and  
a driving source  
wherein said moving table is slightly pushed-in in a backward motion direction by inserting a tape cassette to said moving table that is on standby at the cassette inserting position, and said driving source is activated in response to detection of the pushing, thereby backward swinging said rocking lever, and backward moving said moving table via said guide rod to the cassette placing position; and  
wherein when said moving table is pushed-in from the cassette inserting position in the backward motion direction, said guide rod is transferred onto said cam to increase a pressing force of said press spring.
  2. (Previously Presented) A magnetic tape device, comprising:  
a pair of right and left guide plates;  
a tape cassette moving table that is placed to be movable forward and backward between a cassette inserting position and a cassette placing position that are set between said pair of right and left guide plates, said moving table being slightly pushed-in in a backward motion

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- direction by inserting a tape cassette to said moving table that is on standby at the cassette inserting position;
- a driving source activated in response to detection of the pushing, to backward moving said moving table to the cassette placing position;
- and
- a return preventing member including a guide rod disposed on said moving table, a press spring engaging with said guide rod to elastically press said moving table toward the cassette placing position, and a cam being abutable to said guide rod when said moving table is pushed-in in the backward motion direction from the cassette inserting position to relatively move said guide rod with respect to said press spring to thereby increase a pressing force of said press spring on said moving table.
3. (Currently Amended) [[The]] A magnetic tape device comprising:
- a pair of right and left guide plates;
- a tape cassette moving table that is placed to be movable forward and backward between a cassette inserting position and a cassette placing position that are set between said pair of right and left guide plates, said moving table being slightly pushed-in in a backward motion direction by inserting a tape cassette to said moving table that is on standby at the cassette inserting position;
- a driving source activated in response to detection of the pushing, to backward moving said moving table to the cassette placing position;
- and
- a return preventing member operating when said moving table is pushed from the cassette inserting position in the backward motion direction, for preventing said moving table from being pushed back in a forward motion direction including a guide rod disposed on said moving table, a press spring engaging with said guide rod to elastically press said moving table toward the cassette placing position, and a cam being abutable to said guide rod when said moving table is pushed-in in the

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~~moving table is pushed in in the backward motion direction from the  
cassette inserting position to relatively move said guide rod with  
respect to said press spring to thereby increase a pressing force of said  
press spring on said moving table; wherein;~~

a guide rod that protrudes from said moving table;

a rocking lever is pivotally attached to one of said guide plates, a recessed  
groove is formed in a tip end portion of said rocking lever being  
engaged with said guide rod;

a press spring is engagingly held by said rocking lever, and pressed against  
said guide rod;

a cam is engaged with said press spring; and

wherein said return preventing member is configured by said cam, and when  
said moving table is pushed-in from the cassette inserting position in  
the backward motion direction, a pressing force of said press spring is  
increased by said cam to prevent said moving table from being  
pushed back in the forward motion direction.

4. (Original) The magnetic tape device according to claim 3, wherein said cam  
is formed in said recessed groove of said rocking lever, and when said  
moving table is pushed-in from the cassette inserting position in the backward  
motion direction, said guide rod is transferred onto said cam to increase the  
pressing force of said press spring.